



Spy Pond Committee

Date: Tuesday, May 4th, 2021
Time: 7:30pm
Location: Teleconference

Minutes

Attendance: *Agnes O'Donnell, Bill Eykamp, Bob and Harriet Noyes, Brad Barber, Brian Battuello, Dick Terry, Jacob Friis, Judi Berman, Stroker Rogovin, Steve Ricci*

Facilitator: Brad Barber
Minutes: Brian Battuello

1. Approve April minutes

Approved with correction of Paul Smiths College

2. Introductions

Discussion of ice present, past and ancient. Discussion of goose and duck pecking order. Various bird reports.

3. Dredge update

Bill described the dredges arrival and the location of the silt protection barrier. Brad talked about the work on the path preparing for the geotubes.

4. Goose update

Jacob and Bill reported on goose nests. They commented that many of the nests had six or more eggs. The geese were particularly aggressive this year.

5. Sedimentation from Meierdiercks' depth data

Brad discussed the relation between the level of the outfall and the depth. He said that the pond is now about 3cm higher than historically. The depth data from 2001 allows a comparison of current and historic depths and hence the rate of sedimentation.

6. Curly-leaf pondweed – rake toss and treatment

The Conservation Commission and Brad have discussed treatment options with Solitude Lake Management. The annual plant survey will be done soon. Brad is monitoring Spy Pond with a rake toss to view bottom dwelling plants. The Conservation Commission had a concern about a new cyanobacteria and its toxin. It affects eagles and other birds. The problem does not occur here. It is limited to hydrilla and southeastern lakes and reservoirs. Long discussion about research and how we can improve treatment.

7. Educational program on Spy Pond

Brad found the “Spirit of Spy Pond”, a historic play about the pond. Gene Benson and Friends of Spy Pond have presented educational programs in the past.

8. June barbecue

The next meeting will be the traditional BBQ at Brad's house on June 1.

9. New business

No new business.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm.